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Safe Holiday Wishes From the BSO LBTS District

The Broward Sheriff's Office Lauderdale-by-the-Sea District wants make sure all our residents enjoy a safe holiday season. Traditionally, crimes such as car break-ins and thefts increase during the holiday season in part due to the increase in cash carrying shoppers and unattended vehicles filled with holiday gifts. BSO LBTS deputies will be out in force during the next several weeks to make sure holiday grinchies don't dampen your holiday plans. "During the hectic holiday season, it's easy to become distracted and forget to lock a vehicle filled with presents or leave a purse or wallet in a shopping cart", said Chief Oscar Llerena. "We will utilize several different policing methods to increase our presence in the Town's commercial, dining and entertainment areas during the holiday season." The Broward Sheriff's Office Lauderdale-by-the-Sea District reminds you to be alert and aware of your surroundings.

REMEMBER

- Lock your vehicles and don't leave property in plain view.
- Park in well lit areas.
- Have your keys in hand when you walk to your vehicle.
- Be aware of persons or vehicles acting suspiciously as you travel home or to other stores/restaurants.
- Shop with a companion or in a group.
- Limit the amount of cash and credit cards that you carry.
- Do NOT leave valuables unattended at any time.
- **Report ANY Suspicious Activity by calling 911.**

If you have any questions, contact the BSO Lauderdale-by-the-Sea district office at (954) 491-3920.